

REMARKS

1. (status of claims) Claims 1-38 are pending in the present application. The present response amends claims 1, 7, 11, 16, 20, 25, 29, 30 and 35. All amendments have been made without prejudice. Support for the amendments to these claims can be found in Figures 4 and 5 and related parts of the specification. See, for example, page 28 lines 13-16 of the originally filed application.

2. (35 USC § 102) In the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-38 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Van Watermulen et al (U.S. Patent 6,604,046 B1), herein referred to as Watermulen. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Amended claim 1 recites that “*the first application is configured to detect a request to pass the proxy objects through the database access port, and to switch passage of the proxy objects to the security access port.*” This switching or redirecting feature cannot be found in Van Watermulen. The Examiner is invited to look, in particular, at Figures 1 and 2 of Van Watermulen. Clients 112, 114, 116 and 118 of Van Watermulen are connected through firewall 120 to a web server 130 which is connected to a map server 140 which, in turn, is connected to a database 150. There is no redirection or switching in Van Watermulen of requests to access the database 150 through a database access port separate from the security access port. Therefore, claim 1 is submitted to be novel over Van Watermulen. Similar considerations apply to the remaining amended independent claims (see claims 11, 20, 29 and 30) and the dependent claims, at least by virtue of their dependency on the independent claims.

3. (Conclusion) Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. All amendments herein are made without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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